

TODAY and TOMORROW

INDIA—A VAST PRISON HOUSE

INDIA remains a vast prison house the keys of which are kept at No. 10, Downing Street," declared Prof. Harold Laski, in the course of his presidential address at the British Labour Party Conference which opened in London on Monday. We have ourselves said so, time and time again, almost in identical language. But that must be a blatant fact if it is shouted to the world by a man of the standing of Prof. Laski. He is not a mere venal politician whose words may mean nothing. He is a writer of great distinction with an acknowledged reputation for mental integrity and balanced judgment. Well, he says, India remains a vast prison house the keys of which are kept at No. 10, Downing Street! Amery and his hirelings, like Sir Sultan Ahmed, Sir Feroz Khan Noon and Sir Ramasamy Mudaliar, may prate at the top of their voice that a free India is of her own voluntary accord bleeding for British Imperialism. But that is not the truth, declares Prof. Laski. He then goes on to state that India is not the only prison house in the British Empire, but that there are others in Asia and Africa. And he wants their prison gates to be opened. His is a voice crying in the wilderness. The capitalists and the imperialists who run the British Empire are not going to heed him.

Indians know from bitter experience that whatever lofty ideals Labour politicians may profess when out of office, will be mercilessly junked by these gentlemen as soon as they get into the cabinet. This is what happened in 1933 and in 1939, the two occasions when the Labour Party has ever been at the helm of Britain and her Empire. Indians who had taken seriously the Labour Party's manifestoes issued when the Party was in political wilderness, expected a great advance for their country towards self-government, under the Labour administration. Instead, they were systematically cold-shouldered and snubbed by the Socialist Ramsay MacDonald during his first Premiership which lasted for about six months only. And his second term of office during 1939-40 witnessed one of the bloodiest repressions that Nationalist India had ever confronted.

So, even if the British Labour Party comes again into power in the near future, which is most unlikely, that will not mean that the high-minded resolutions which the Party has been passing at its own conferences every now and then will be carried into effect. For one thing, the British constitution, as Sir Stafford Cripps himself said in one of his speeches before the war, is so designed that the reactionary elements behind the British throne and the

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NIPPON NOW CONTROLS LEYTE AIR

Sharp Decline In Enemy
Air Offensive Seen
On All Theatres

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, December 11 (Domei).—While our air units continue to pound enemy ground forces, our ground forces on December 9 intercepted enemy forces advancing toward the Ormoc Bay sector and completely checked them north of Ipil.

On the night of December 8 the enemy was able to receive some supplies, but since the following day he has been practically unable to receive any. Meanwhile, the situation in the Carigara and Dagami sectors remains unchanged, with Burauen airfield firmly in our hands.

Nippon forces have gained complete air supremacy over Leyte Island since the "Takachiho" paratroop and airborne unit, following on the heels of the "Kaoru" airborne unit of our Special Attack Corps, launched devastating assaults against enemy airbases there. The strength of the enemy air force was rapidly cut down, while only three airfields at Tacloban, Dulag, and Tanauan are now used by a negligible number of small enemy aircraft, since our air units closely co-operating with our ground forces, incessantly bombed these bases, making them unusable to the enemy's large-type planes.

For this reason, coupled with bad weather, only a total of some 20 enemy planes yesterday appeared over all sectors of the Philippines. The majority of them raiding the Davao and Zamboanga sectors were from the base on Morotai Island. Earlier indications also pointed to a sharp decline in the enemy's air strength since his transports attempting to land reinforcements at Albuera on Thursday morning were not supported by aircraft-carriers. The enemy, having lost air supremacy over Leyte Island, is now helpless as he faces daring assaults by our airborne units which made their appearance on Thursday. The enemy commander at field headquarters at Biak Island, upon hearing of our paratroops on Leyte, hurriedly evacuated his forces. Substantiating the facts enemy broadcasts are frantically telling the story that the Nipponese air force in the Philippines has recently greatly increased in strength, while damage caused by their Special Attack Corps is extremely heavy.

House of Lords can always nullify the acts of a radical House of Commons in case such an unheard-of thing comes into being. In view of all these facts what happens in the Labour Conference now in session in London is of no more than academic interest to us.

Tripartite Powers Resolve To Crush Common Enemy

Axis Leaders Exchange
Cordial Messages On
Anniversary Day

Tokyo, Dec. 12 (Domei).—The unshakable resolve of Nippon, Germany and Italy to co-operate closely in the prosecution of the war until final victory is won over the Anglo-American enemies was the keynote of the messages exchanged among Premier General Kuniaki Koiso of Nippon, Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler of Germany and Benito Mussolini, Head of the Socialist Republican Government of Italy, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the conclusion of the Tripartite Pact yesterday.

In his message addressed to Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, Premier Koiso paid high tribute to the firm solidarity of the German nation under Hitler's able leadership. He also praised the all-out efforts of the German people in prosecuting the war, knowing full well that Germany's destiny perhaps for the next 1,000 years hinges on its outcome. Premier Koiso gave assurances of the unshakable determination of the Nippon people to fight out this war to victory for the cause of international justice and expressed the conviction that the close co-operation between the German and Nippon nations will ensure that victory.

The Premier's message to Il Duce expressed Nippon's appreciation in having the Socialist Republican Government of Italy fighting steadfastly by its side for the achievement of ultimate victory. He took the occasion to pay respects to the Italian people of the Socialist Republican Government headed by Mussolini.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler, expressing warm greetings to Premier Koiso in his message, declared that the past one year has served to strengthen still further the close ties between

BRITISH REPRESSIVE POLICY SCATHINGLY DENOUNCED AT LABOUR CONFERENCE

Enemy Base At
Razabyir Badly
Raided, Blasted

A Nippon Base in Burma, December 11 (Domei).—A fighter unit of the Nippon air force this morning launched an attack on the enemy base at Razabyir, in the Mayu mountain range. Despite fierce enemy ground fire, our fighter unit accurately bombed enemy military targets causing fires to start at three places and a great explosion at one place.

Our air unit on the return trip encountered 18 enemy Spitfires over Kyauktaw and shot down one of them in a fierce aerial engagement. Inflicting damage on several others, our fighters put the enemy to rout.

All our planes returned safely. Nippon forces shot down or heavily damaged 18 of enemy raiders which for two days attempted to bomb our base at Meiktila. Of 33 enemy P-47's appearing over the Meiktila area on December 10, our ground forces shot down 12 and heavily damaged four others. The following day 20 enemy P-47's again came over the same area and Nippon forces shot down two planes.

Germany and Nippon. The Fuehrer expressed firm conviction that the Axis determination for final victory over the enemy, who insidiously designs to wipe out Axis nations, will bring about the establishment of a new world order based on justice.

Benito Mussolini in his message to Premier Koiso reiterated Italy's unflagging will to fight for the achievement of victory over the common enemy, which will mean victory for justice and civilization, in the closest co-operation with its Axis partners, Nippon and Germany.

Professor Laski Attacks
Government's Complete
Failure In India

Faced with the gloomy prospect of a further intensification of the anti-British revolution now raging in India, some of the Britishers at home are trying to pacify the Indians by pretending to be sympathetic towards India's national aspirations.

According to a London despatch, the British Labour Party, at its conference held in London on Monday, appears to have devoted much of its time to the Indian problem. In his opening speech, Prof. Harold Laski, Chairman of the Conference, drew the attention of the British Government to the grave political situation in India. He said that India remains a vast prison house, the keys of which are kept at No. 10, Downing Street. Continuing, Prof. Laski denounced the British policy of repression in India and demanded the opening of the prison gates. Prof. Laski also spoke about the seriousness of the British-made famine situation in India and added: Poverty in India spells poverty for Britain.

The Conference of the British Labour Party is also expected to pass several resolutions on the Indian problem. Though the resolutions have been described as resolutions on Indian self-government, they merely call for the early implementation or immediate application of the notorious Cripps's offer, which has been totally rejected by almost all the parties in India. The other resolutions demand the release of the Congress prisoners and the prevention of famine.

According to competent political observers, all these hypocritical gestures of the British Labour Party will not make the least impression on the Indian people, who are now, more than ever, determined to oust the British and to achieve the complete independence of India.

Meanwhile, the inhuman British policy of repression and plunder in India was denounced by various speakers at a public meeting held under the auspices of the India League in London on Monday.

The newly reorganised Indian Journalists and Writers Association in London announced that they propose to hold a conference in the first week of January to discuss the rigorous press censorship in India.

thus longitudinally traversing the continent.

"Our advantageous strategical position on the China continent has thus been further strengthened."

India League Demands Immediate Release Of Imprisoned Leaders

Lisbon, Dec. 11 (Domei).—Strong pleas for immediate release of imprisoned Indian political leaders were voiced at a public meeting tonight held by the India League in London, according to a Reuter's message.

The resolution adopted by the meeting strongly protested against the continued imprisonment of "thousands of Indian patriots, including national leaders" and demanded their release forthwith and the establishment of a "truly National Government in India."

Nippon Nanning And Indo-China Armies Contact At Suifu

Tokyo, Dec. 12 (Domei).—Nippon Army units, advancing westward from Nanning, and other units marching eastward from French Indo-China effected a junction at Suifu, about 70 kilometres south-west of Nanning, on December 10, Dai Honyei announced at 2.00 p.m. today.

The announcement reads: "Our Army units, which had been advancing from Nanning and French Indo-China respectively, completed contact at Suifu, 70 kilometres south-west of Nanning, on December 10,

War Situation Unchanged On Western Front

Lisbon, Dec. 11 (Domei)—Although grim fighting is now going on in the region east of Aachen, the war situation on the Western Front remains more or less unchanged, according to dispatches received here. Paris reports said that United States First Army troops were trying to push along a ten-mile front in more than six inches deep of snow in the areas west, north-west and south-west of Duren, a Roer River stronghold 20 miles over open country from Cologne. Below Duren the Germans have built up one defence line after another while heavy German guns are shelling attacking American infantry and tank formations almost without pause.

The heaviest fighting on the Western Front, however, continued in the battle for Saar between Merzig and Saarbrücken. Fighting continued to be fierce in Dillingen as the American Third Army and German troops engaged in house-to-house fighting. The Germans narrowed down the American bridgehead at Saarlautern in the last 24 hours and took a dominating hill position at Pachten controlling the entrance to Dillingen, frontline dispatches to Berlin said. To the south in the southern part of Saareguemines and Hagenau, vicious street fighting has developed, the German High Command announced.

Moscow dispatches said that Red Army troops intensified their drive on Budapest from positions seven miles north and five miles south of the Hungarian capital. They added that strong forces of the Second Ukrainian Army were also poised three miles east of the Danube River. Frontline dispatches to Berlin said that the Soviets increased their pressure on either wing of the Lake Balaton area in the south, and on both sides of the Danube River below Budapest. They added that the main Soviet pressure on Budapest, however, continued to be from the north. There was no major fighting on the rest of the Eastern Front.

In Italy anti-Axis dispatches from Rome said that the Germans made large-scale counter-attacks against the anti-Axis bridgehead west of the Lamone River and were fighting desperately to prevent the encirclement of Faenza.

Variety Entertainment At Nanyo On Sunday

A benefit performance will be held at the Nanyo Gekijo, Geylang, on Sunday next at 8.30 p.m. in aid of the Malai Poor Home's Fund.

The performance is organised by the Arab Welfare Association, with the support of Messrs. Eiga Haikyu Sha.

The programme consists of a number of Nippon, Indian and Arabian dance and song items, in addition to a Hindustani film, "Izzet", and the performance promises to be a great attraction.

There will be speeches by Mr. S. M. Alkafi, the President of the Arab Welfare Association, and Mr. S. A. M. Alsagoff, the Vice-President.

Tickets are available at \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Public Here Urged To Save More Money; Leader's Spirited Speech

"When the people of Nippon are patiently enduring hardship for our sake, when the noble men of the Imperial Army and Navy are sacrificing their very lives in our cause, is it too much to ask of you to make a little self-sacrifice as your small share towards ultimate victory?"

Thus exhorted Dr. C. J. Paglar, the leader of the Eurasian community, speaking at the "Savings Month" Musical Concert held at the Dai Toa Gekijo, Syonan, last night.

Following are excerpts from Dr. Paglar's instructive address on the subject of "Savings":—

Under normal conditions it is the duty of all citizens to save; how much more incumbent is it upon them to do so in times like the present when we are waging a righteous war for freedom and liberation.

You all know the necessity of putting by money for a rainy day. It is impossible to look into the future, but we can all be prepared for whatever the future holds in store for us. There are so many eventualities that may befall us and those we hold dear—unemployment, illness, perhaps even death.

It is your duty therefore to be prepared for these exigencies, and there is no better or surer way of doing so than by saving. The man who has saved faces the future with confidence and equanimity. For him the future holds no dread. For this reason alone, if for no other, I appeal to you all to avail yourselves of the opportunity provided by the Authorities to save money in the Banks and Post Offices.

Thrift has always been considered a cardinal virtue. A thrifty man is a credit to his community and an asset to his country; while the spendthrift is a drag on society and a burden to his country. The people of Nippon have from time immemorial been a thrifty people, and this is one of the factors which accounts for her present-day greatness. We cannot do better than emulate the Nippon-zin in this respect.

Not only do I appeal to you to be thrifty but I ask you to foster the spirit of thrift in your children.

The ideal for which we should aim is consistent saving, not occasional deposits with long periods during which the account remains stagnant.

Another point that must be borne in mind is that savings help to stabilize economic conditions in the country. The more you save the greater will be the improvement in the

That the Malayan public is co-operating wholeheartedly with the Malai Banking Association in the drive to absorb part of the surplus floating money and that the drive is proving a great success, were strikingly borne out by figures which Mr. T. Watanabe, Secretary of the Association, revealed at the "Savings Month" Musical Concert held at the Dai Toa Gekijo last night.

Mr. Watanabe said that in response to the request of the Malai Gunseikan to absorb a part of the floating money into the Banks in the form of deposits, the Association had been doing its best to achieve that end. At the end of October this year, Mr. Watanabe said, member Banks all over Malai have registered an increase of \$104,000,000 in deposits, as compared with the end of March; while the Banks in Syonan registered an increase of \$87,000,000 in deposits up to the end of November compared with the end of March. The great success which had attended the Association's drive was principally due to the kind co-operation of the public, declared Mr. Watanabe.

Another splendid result, went on Mr. Watanabe, was the second "Fixed Deposit With Bonus" which was recently brought to a successful conclusion. "In this case the expected amount was \$10,000,000, but I am glad to say, we collected more than \$19,500,000, which is almost double the amount expected. This shows once again the earnest support and collaboration of the people here, for which we express our sincere gratitude," declared Mr. Watanabe, adding "we in Malai should push further on and more vigorously our 'Savings Front' towards final victory and for the benefit of New Malai."

living conditions of the people. To put the matter clearly, you will, by saving, protect yourselves from the ill-effects of the lack of control over excess money.

I know that due to the higher costs of living prevailing at present which I must point out is unavoidable and is common to every country in the world today—many people have the mistaken idea that it is impossible to save any money at all.

In the case of a very few, I am apt to be in sympathy with their plea. But in the case of the majority, I am afraid that such an excuse merits but little, if any, consideration.

All Enemy B-29 Bases Menaced By Nippon Bombers

Tokyo, Dec. 11 (Domei)—With the devastating raid on the United States Twentieth Air Corps' main base at Midnapore on December 7, all principal bases for enemy Super Fortresses, including Chengtu and the Marianas, are now within bombing range of the Nippon air force.

Having massed more than 400 B-29's in India, the United States Twentieth Bomber Command commenced harassing raids on the coast of Bengal Bay as well as Sumatra. It may be recalled that on November 3 and 5 about 30 enemy Super Fortresses raided Rangoon and Syonan respectively. The same enemy Bomber Command is also seeking for a chance to sally forth to Chengtu in Szechwan Province and from there to conduct largescale bombing raids on Kyushu and southern Manchoukuo in conjunction with the Mariana-based Super Fortresses which have been raiding Tokyo.

Thus, the brilliant war results achieved by the Burma-based Nippon air force in the raid on Midnapore have created consternation in the hearts of the enemy who has come to the painful realization that all his Super Fortress bases are being directly menaced by Nippon Wild Eagles.

Admiral Fraser To Confer With Nimitz

Lisbon Dec., 11 (Domei)—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Commander-in-Chief of the newly-created British Pacific Fleet, has arrived in Melbourne and shortly will see Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the American Pacific Fleet, according to a Reuter's message from Melbourne.

BALAK SENA RALLY

On Thursday the 14th December, 2604 at the Indian Independence League Padang at 6.00 p.m.

Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, Secretary General, Rear Headquarters will take Salute.

All Indians are cordially invited to attend the Function and to see the Demonstrations by the Children.

Chances Of Early End Of Europe War Remote

Lisbon, Dec. 11 (Domei)—There is no justification in the hope that the European war will end in the near future, an American commentator declared today in a broadcast over a New York radio station, according to a dispatch received here.

Basing his remark on a report from General Dwight Eisenhower's Headquarters, the commentator said that optimistic forecasts were erroneous, because Germany's defensive position has been found to be extremely strong while German troops have a high morale.

He added that all German soldiers taken prisoner possessed excellent footgear, warm clothes and were well equipped for winter warfare.

U.S. & Britain Approve New Italian Cabinet

Lisbon, Dec. 11 (Domei)—The British and American Governments have approved the list of members of the new puppet Italian Cabinet formed by Premier Oreste Bonomi which excludes Count Sforza, according to a Reuter's message from Rome today.

Britain, it is recalled, strongly objected to Count Sforza being appointed Foreign Minister in the new Government and by its objection greatly delayed Bonomi's efforts to create a new Ministry.

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